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GARDINER UNANIMOUSLY CHOSEN FOR NINTH TERM

Feared Chamberlain May Wreck Commonwealth

TORY REVOLT IS GATHERING, BUT MAY BE TOO LATE

British and French Strategic Position Will Be Gravely Imperilled if Franco Wins

CHAMBERLAIN'S ROLE

Demands Absolute Obedience From Members, and Ignores Experts of Foreign Office

LONDON, Jan. 18th.—Revolt against what is described as "Munichism" is growing in the Conservative party, but whether it will become effective in time to prevent Prime Minister Chamberlain (fresh from Rome with a new promise from Mussolini to withdraw his troops from Spain after a Franco victory) from actually destroying the strategic security of both France and Britain in the Mediterranean by virtually handing over Spain to the dictators, remains gravely doubtful.

Complaint of Foreign Office Head

Chamberlain recently told Sir Kingsley Wood, the Government's "political" strategist: "Absolute obedience I must have. There can be no exceptions." The permanent head of the Foreign Office, Sir Alexander Cadogan, recently stated, *The Week* reveals, that the advice of this department is ignored by the Prime Minister.

The greatest danger lies, apparently, in Chamberlain's obsession with the idea that he is acting under divine guidance. To his Unitarian spiritual adviser he recently declared that he now "realized for the first time how God makes his will felt upon earth through the agency of a single human being."

Conservatives who share the view of most of the members of other parties, and of famous experts, that Chamberlain is steering the British Commonwealth towards the rocks of irreparable disaster, are appalled by this sort of thing.

Canada Weakly Follows

OTTAWA, Jan. 18th.—"I cannot feel proud of Canada weakly following the lead of other countries" in recognition of the conquest of Ethiopia, said J. S. Woodsworth, C.C.F. leader, in Parliament yesterday. He also deplored the shipping of war materials to countries that might soon become enemies; and demanded that Canada's position in regard to war and peace should be clarified. "It would appear Premier Chamberlain is Canada's Foreign Minister," he said.

FREE BREAD

MOSCOW, Jan. 16th.—Practical means of providing bread to anyone who wants it, as freely as water, have been worked out. The plan will be brought into effect, it is expected, either in 1939 or next year.

Out on Bail



Jack Benny, radio comedian, faces smuggling charges.

Making Brave Stand to Save Barcelona From Rebel Forces

BARCELONA, Jan. 18th.—With every available man working on defences of the city, and with sufficient food supplies for present needs, the Spanish Government is prepared to continue resistance of the Fascist onslaught, and it is believed here that a decisive battle may take place shortly along the present line. This has been pushed forward to within 35 miles of the city since December 23rd, when the Fascists, aided by powerful fleets of bombing planes and tanks, began their great offensive.

PARIS, Jan. 18th.—Foreign Minister Bonnet announced today that France could not intervene in Spain without facing serious trouble with Italy. Apprehension is growing throughout the country that the Fascists may soon win the Spanish war, giving Germany and Italy control of the country, and the Government is being pressed to give aid to the Loyalists. This is felt to be impossible without British support, however, and the British have made it clear that they cling to the one-sided "non-intervention" policy.

LONDON, Jan. 18th.—Labor leader Clement Atlee has asked Prime Minister Chamberlain to summon Parliament immediately to consider the Spanish situation, urging that since Italy and Germany are openly and lavishly aiding Franco, the Spanish Government should not be denied the opportunity to secure munitions. Crowds assembled around 10 Downing Street today shouted "Arms for Spain." It is expected that Chamberlain will refuse Atlee's request.

Felix Frankfurter, recently appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Roosevelt, was the author of a book in defence of Sacco and Vanzetti.

Single Act to Deal With All Farm Debt Questions Advised

Plan to Simplify Handling of Problem Urged by Brownlee in Powerful Address

Enactment of a single measure by Dominion and Provincial Governments, embodying all powers possessed by both Dominion Parliament and Provincial Legislatures in the matter of adjustment and reduction of farm indebtedness, was proposed by Hon. J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D., in an address to the U.F.A. Convention on Tuesday.

Would End Overlapping

The new act, if passed, would take the place of all existing legislation such as the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, which is a Dominion measure, and the Debt Adjustment Act, passed by the Alberta Government. It would give compulsory powers, such as only the Dominion Parliament can give, in the matter of debt reduction. All the overlapping and confusion which result from the existence of a number of different measures, all intended to deal more or less with the same problem, would be eliminated. The farmer-debtor would know that he had only one act to worry about.

Mr. Brownlee suggested that the present administrator of the Debt Adjustment Act of the Province, together with the judge who heads the Board of Review under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act in this Province, together with a third member to be added, should have charge of the administration of the proposed Dominion-Provincial Act in this Province.

In the course of an address of more than an hour's duration, which was broadcast from the Convention, Mr. Brownlee made a masterly survey of the history and present position of debt legislation, while he dealt very fully with the whole problem of agricultural debt and its causes, and advanced important suggestions along various lines.

Poor Wheat Price Outlook

Mr. Brownlee said that in his judgment another three to five years of low prices, when world market prices would be insufficient to meet the farmers' costs of production, was quite possible, in view of present trends in the world wheat situation. The debt problem might be accentuated for three or four years. There would be this difference, as compared with the period which followed the collapse of 1929-30—that the low price period had on that occasion been preceded by a period of fairly good prices, which had enabled the farmers to reduce the load of debt substantially. Such would not be the case if a period of low prices were to be faced now.

France is strengthening her defences of Indo-China.

ACCLAMATION IS GIVEN PRIESTLEY, VICE-PRESIDENT

President Believes Future Holds Grave Economic Problems for Solution

LARGE ATTENDANCE

Delegates Total 273 with Great Number of Visitors at Calgary Gathering

Robert Gardiner of Excel was unanimously re-elected President of the United Farmers of Alberta for his ninth term of office, Wednesday noon. No other name was mentioned when the chairman of the Convention called for nominations.

Expressing his appreciation of the confidence placed in him, Mr. Gardiner said there had never been a time when more serious economic problems faced the farming industry; and he would do everything in his power to aid in building up the organization, in order that it might protect the farmers' interest.

Acclamation was also given to Norman F. Priestley, for a ninth term as Vice-President. Both Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Priestley were enthusiastically applauded.

The Board of Directors will submit a resolution to the Convention recommending that the U.F.A. "cease all direct political activity." Discussion of this question had not commenced as this issue goes to press.

TO OUST C.I.O.

OTTAWA, Jan. 18th.—The executive of the Trades and Labor Congress have decided to suspend all members of C.I.O. organizations.

PROMOTION FOR GOERING?

BERLIN, Jan. 18th.—Field Marshal Goering, who already holds several important posts, including the air ministry and chief of the the four-year economic self-sufficiency plan, may shortly be promoted by Chancellor Hitler to be vice-chancellor and minister of war, it is rumored here. Propaganda Minister Goebbels is believed to be slated for promotion also.

The usual spring cruise of the British Home Fleet in the Mediterranean coincides with exercises of the French Fleet in the same waters. Power of resistance of the Gibraltar fortress to attack under new conditions is to be tried out.

An international highway from Cape Horn, at the southernmost tip of South America, north through Alaska, thence east and south through Asia into Africa, to the Cape of Good Hope, is seen as a possibility by Donald Mac-Donald, father of the Alaska highway project.

None Outside Farmers' Ranks Will Solve Farmer's Problems for Him, Declares Gardiner

Appeals for Unity, Tolerance and Forbearance—Farm Organization Ready to Show Ottawa Government How Farmer Can Be Assured Costs of Production.

"It is useless for us to hope that some person or groups outside of the farmers' ranks will protect our interests. We can't expect such a miracle to happen under the competitive profit system. This job is ours. No one else can do it for us. If we fail, then we must accept the consequences. If we feel sure, however, that we will not fail, for the reason that the consequences of failure are too horrible to contemplate, let us start now to consolidate our ranks. . . . May I appeal whole-heartedly to the farm people of Alberta to exercise the greatest measure of tolerance and forbearance in order to build the spirit of co-operation without which no progress is possible."

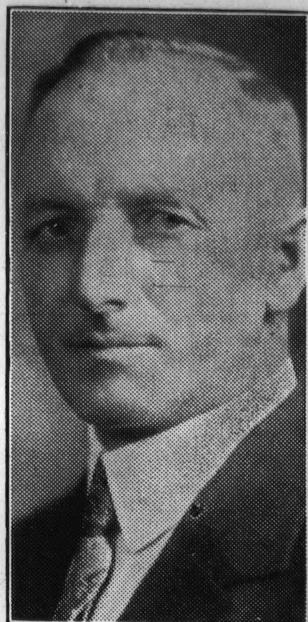
With this rousing appeal for farm unity, greeted with the most enthusiastic applause alike by delegates and visiting farm people, President Robert Gardiner of the United Farmers of Alberta concluded his eighth annual address at the Farm Convention at the opening session in Calgary on Tuesday.

In his address, Mr. Gardiner covered the field of the Association's activities during the past year. He gave a concise survey of world affairs, and the bearing of international developments to the interests of the farmers of Western Canada.

Most Important Problem

President Gardiner declared that of all the problems with which

Urge Farm Unity



ROBERT GARDINER

farmer is faced, the most important, in his judgment, was that of securing prices for the products of his labor that would cover the costs of production.

"There can be no economic justice and security for the farmer until the full cost of production is included in the price which we receive for farm products," said President Gardiner. "If in the near future, our Federal Government were to reduce tariffs to the point where they would not increase the cost of production or living costs, then, personally, I am willing to take my chance. Having regard to the present industrial set-up within our borders, it is not to be expected that any Federal Government will in the near future follow such a course; then we are justified in demanding from the Federal Government compensation for the losses sustained by the Canadian farmer. It is time that the Government and the people of Canada realize that they cannot forever expect that the primary producer will be content to continue to produce new wealth at a loss—a loss which means economic insecurity, hardship and debt for the farmer and his family."

Mr. Gardiner said he was not particular as to the methods used to attain this objective, if they were equitable to all concerned. If the principle were accepted, "the U.F.A. will be available at any time to advise them (the Federal Government) as to how it can be worked out," said the President.

Mr. Gardiner expressed high appreciation of the services rendered by the Vice-President, Mr. Priestley, and by Miss Birch, secretary, and other members of the staff at head office.

Discussing conditions in the Province, the President said that there would be "no economic miracles produced under the competitive profit system," since that system is run "more on the basis of the tooth and claw of the jungle than on man's humanity to man." Just so long as the farmer was willing to acquiesce quietly in the present conditions, just so long would he continue to sow that others might reap.

Following an appeal to officers and members to redouble their efforts to increase the numbers in the Association, thereby vastly increasing as they could, the service which could be given by the Head Office, Mr. Gardiner referred to the increase in membership dues and the gratifyingly substantial increase in the volume of business done by the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association. This steady growth, on sound economic lines, gave the greatest promise. "Personally I prefer the slower but more stable

Consideration for Growers of Coarse Grains Is Sought

Failure to Peg Price Discrimination, Says Gardiner—Action re Wheat Minimum Reviewed

"It is true that wheat is probably the most important single commodity that enters into the commercial life of the country, but I am firmly convinced that if we are to develop a properly balanced agricultural industry in the West, consideration must be given to the claim for impartial treatment for those farmers who produce agricultural products other than wheat," stated President Robert Gardiner, after reviewing, in his annual address, the struggle of the effort to obtain a pegged price for wheat.

Value of Pegged Wheat Price

"The value of the pegged price for wheat is amply realized when we compare the present price paid for wheat with the prices paid for coarse grains. In an open market where there is no pegged price for wheat, the values of all kinds of grain bear some relation to each other; that is to say, that in the event of a substantial rise in the price of wheat a relative rise in the price of coarse grains would follow, for the reason that there is a very close connection as to the use value of the different varieties of grain."

"In those parts of the West where the growing of coarse grains predominates, there is no question but that the failure to provide for a pegged price for coarse grains is a serious discrimination against the grower of coarse grains. The same principle applies to other kinds of farm produce such as livestock, dairy and poultry products, etc."

"I admit that this is a problem of some magnitude, but it must be dealt with until success is assured. It will require our united efforts in order to be successful. Please do not misunderstand me. I am not critical of the setting of a pegged price for wheat; I am an advocate of a similar treatment for the other farm commodities."

Appeal in Early July

President Gardiner showed that the appeal to the Dominion Government for a minimum of 87-1/2 cents, basis No. 1 northern, f.o.b. Fort William, was made by the U.F.A. Executive immediately after appearance of a newspaper report from Ottawa, early last July, to the effect that the price might be set at 70 cents. There was no means of ascertaining whether this report was inspired by the Government to determine the reaction of the West to such proposed minimum.

It was recognized, in asking for 87-1/2 cents, that the treasury would have to meet the deficit, if any, and it was desirable to be reasonable. President Gardiner expressed appreciation of the support of other organizations in the Province whom the U.F.A. Executive had invited to join in the campaign.

"We are of the opinion that our efforts in this matter, while not fully successful, did have some effect on the price set by order-in-council," said Mr. Gardiner.

method of development rather than the spectacular, with inherent weaknesses that invite disaster because of unfavorable economic conditions," he said.

Rowell Commission

In view of the important nature of the recommendations made by the U.F.A. Executive last year to the Rowell Commission on Dominion-Provincial relations, President Gardiner presented an outline of these recommendations, which on instructions of the Executive had been prepared by Mr. Priestley and himself.

Readjustment in the terms of Confederation, it was pointed out in the brief, had been made necessary by economic and social developments since Confederation. If natural re-

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sources, machinery of production and labor available were used to capacity, sufficient wealth could now be produced in Canada to provide everyone with a high standard of living. The present system had served a useful purpose, but because of weaknesses inherent in the system, it had now passed the peak of its usefulness as a means of providing adequately for the people's needs and was in decline.

That it would be impossible to pay debts in full so long as Canada operated under a debt-creating system; that social changes now necessitated the extension of government functions, were stressed and the grave handicaps and hazards under which the farmers labor in the West were emphasized.

The brief contained proposals for ameliorative measures (pending a complete solution of the fundamental problem of reconstruction). These were based on the experience of the organized farmers and expressed by them through the U.F.A. over a period of thirty years.

Recommendations Summarized

Recommendations were, briefly summarized:

1. Dominion to devise means to compensate Western farmer for disability under which he labors as a result of Canada's fiscal policy.

2. Burden of taxation to be distributed on principle of ability to pay.

3. Freight rate structure of railways and auxiliary or competing systems to be revised with view to lessening transportation costs to and from interior areas to the seaboard. Peace River producers to be relieved of prohibitive transportation costs.

4. Reduction of interest rates on long and short term farm loans.

5. Banking system of Canada to become the property of and to be operated by the nation itself, with view to serving all classes of citizens at cost.

6. Dominion Government to take steps to secure reduction of the price of farm machinery and repairs.

7. Thorough survey of problem of farm rehabilitation to be undertaken without delay by Dominion Government.

8. Recognition by Dominion and Provincial Governments of the value of co-operative institutions as means of introducing principle of equity and mutual aid into economic affairs; suitable assistance in fostering cooperatives.

9. Increased Dominion grants to Provinces where agriculture is a dominant economic activity.

10. Dominion Government to bear all costs of old age pensions.

11. Further Dominion aid to higher education, including bursaries and scholarships to colleges and universities; liberal aid to technical students.

Amendments to B.N.A. Act

The brief contained recommendations for the thorough overhauling of the British North America Act to give the Dominion authority full jurisdiction over:

1. Legislation for the setting up of national marketing agencies for marketing natural products inside or outside Canada, producers to have proper representation on boards created;

2. Unemployment and unemployment relief.

3. Hours and conditions of labor.

Other recommendations were:

4. Clarification of extent of Federal and of Provincial control of questions of debt and debt reduction (by amendments to B.N.A. Act, following study by competent persons.)

5. Similar investigation regarding control of interest rates.

6. Introduction of new section of B.N.A. Act, "guaranteeing to every person in Canada the constitutional right of free speech, free press and free assembly."

Mr. Gardiner expressed his appreciation of the "keen interest taken by the chairman and members of the commission in our recommendations."

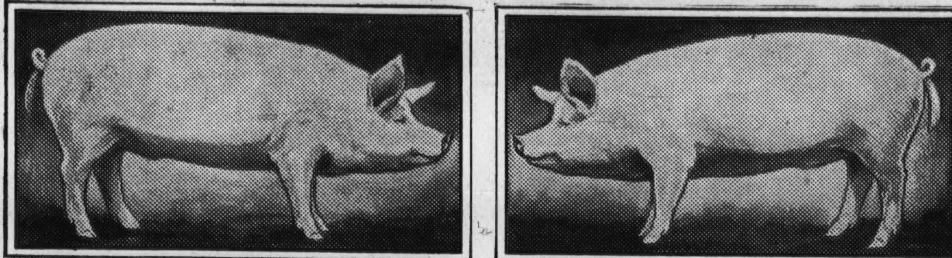
A report of President Gardiner's discussion of world affairs and their bearing upon the problems of the farmers of Western Canada will be found on page 6.

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U.F.A. CONVENTION

We go to press while the Thirty-first Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta is in mid-session, and while some most important decisions still remain to be taken. Among other matters, the future policy of the Association in relation to political affairs will have been determined when this issue reaches our readers.

One thing the present Convention has already made clear: the U.F.A. retains great vigor and wide influence. It will continue to play a significant role in the affairs of Alberta and of Western Canada and the Dominion as a whole. Anyone who may have expected to find a spirit of defeatism among the delegates must have been disillusioned.

We believe that by one method or another,—if not by direct political action, then by pressing upon those who may be entrusted with the responsibilities of government, the needs of the farm community—the Association will remain an instrument through which all the farm people of this Province can advance the interests of their industry.

The registration of delegates this year is somewhat greater than it was a year ago. The number of farm people who are attending as visitors is exceptionally large. No doubt the fine weather has had a great deal to do with this, but there are many indications of revival of interest in the organization.

President Gardiner in his annual address repeated the plea, which he has made on several former occasions, for tolerance and forbearance in farm communities—for the building up among the farm people of loyalty to one another and to their industry.

We trust that this advice will be followed. Differences there are—honest differences—between one farmer and one farm woman and another, upon many matters. Where the vital interests of agriculture are concerned, however, unity should be possible.

The needs of agriculture—now Western Canada's most depressed industry—demand that it shall be achieved.

CENTRAL CO-OPERATIVE

Figures presented by the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, Limited, and published in this issue,

demonstrate the increasingly important role which the co-operative buying of farm supplies under the auspices of the Association is playing in farm communities all over the Province.

We have always believed that co-operation is a one-sided affair if it is confined to the marketing field—important as that field is. Co-operation in selling and co-operation in buying should be, as the directors of the Association point out, complementary one to another.

The expansion of the volume of business done by the Central Co-operative during the past year, the impressive totals in principal commodities handled and the substantial dividends distributed, show that the Co-operative has become a force in the farmers' hands, capable of assisting them materially in their struggle for an economic square deal. * * *

FREEDOM ON THE AIR

In its dispute with a spokesman of millionaire mining interests who tried to buy time on a C.B.C. chain to present his views on public questions, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation should have strong support from the Canadian public.

The Corporation has been seeking to promote Round Table discussions of public questions. In these no single point of view is given the monopoly of expression. Individuals holding widely diverse opinions are given the opportunity to speak, and listeners are left to form their own judgments after hearing, as far as may be possible, every side of every question of public importance.

The editor of the *Toronto Globe and Mail* was not content with this. He had been invited to participate in round table discussion, but this was not what was wanted, and he rejected the offer. He wanted to use the great financial resources at his disposal to gain a privileged position. The Corporation rightly said, No.

The truth is that if the C.B.C. chains were for sale to those who seek to influence opinion upon public questions, the owners of great aggregations of wealth in Canada would be heard, while citizens or groups of citizens who lack such resources, would have little opportunity to get their views before the public. Such a situation, obviously, would not be in the public interest.

TRIBUTE TO ROOSEVELT

The following British tribute to President Roosevelt appeared in a recent issue of the *Manchester Guardian*, leading British newspaper. The article is greatly curtailed:

Most English men and women when they listened to President Roosevelt on Wednesday night must have wished sadly that it was the head of their own Government who was saying these things. They must have put beside the President's challenging denunciation of the dictatorships and bold assertion of the beliefs of a free people their own Prime Minister's timid exercises in the same field. They must have recalled with a little shame Mr. Chamberlain's naive confession that, although Fascism may not do for us, he cannot get up "much excitement over different systems of government, apart from particular actions which may not necessarily be inherent in the system," and they must have regretted that it has been left to the American President to state the British (as it is also the American) way of life without apologising for it.

Contrast Painful

The contrast is painful and need not be pursued. It can only be hoped that among the many effects of the President's speech in the world not the least will be that of recalling our own Government to the principles it has deserted. Those effects will be considerable. Although the President outlined no positive proposals except the revision of the Neutrality Law and the acceleration of American rearmament, the intimation of American hostility to the dictatorships and their methods was much stronger and more sustained than anything that has come before from the head of the United States. It followed logically on the stiff Notes to Japan, on the recall of the Ambassador to Berlin, on the upholding of Secretary Ickes' rather violent speech, and on Secretary Hull's efforts at Lima to counter Fascist penetration. Mr. Roosevelt summed it all up in a Message that may be as important for the world as those of Wilson. And, controversial as were his domestic passages, on this broad question of democracy versus dictatorship he had his country behind him.

The speech reflected to the full the disillusionment since Munich. War was then averted, but "it has become increasingly clear that world peace is not assured." Mr. Roosevelt did not (like Mr. Chamberlain) hark back to or take pride in his own contribution to Munich, but built up the stark picture of a world living in war or under the threat of war, military and economic, a world in which are challenged the three fundamentals of religion, democracy, and good faith among nations, and over much of which "strident ambitions and brute force" reign.

NATURE OF FARM MARKETING BILL IS NOT DISCLOSED

House Also Awaits Measures to Amend Grain Act and Regulate Grain Exchange

BREN GUN ECHOES

"Defence Purchasing Board" Proposed—New Ottawa Session Gets Into Stride

By M. McDougall
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Jan. 18th.—The last session of the present parliament has now been launched and is proceeding under full sail. The general framework of the proposed legislative program was shown in the Speech from the Throne; it is obviously quite an extensive program and it would be foolhardy to attempt to predict whether Parliament's labors will be over before the arrival of Their Majesties on May 15th.

There is nothing yet to indicate the nature of the promised bills "to assist further in the marketing of farm products," to revise the Canada Grain Act and to regulate grain exchanges, except that in the last mentioned case it will be "along the lines laid down in the Report of the Royal Commission on Grain Marketing."

Echoes of Bren Gun Inquiry

Defence and trade will loom large in Parliament's agenda. Also that baffling problem, unemployment, will occupy many sittings of the House. A great deal of interest centres in the proposed creation, in accordance with the recommendation of the Bren Gun commission, of a defence purchasing board. The idea is to have a board composed of an experienced manufacturer, a commercial lawyer, a labor representative and a chartered accountant, who would purchase defence equipment and regulate profits on a reasonable basis.

The decision to increase defence appropriations, particularly for the air services, was fully anticipated. Uncertainties in the world situation, it is held, have made the strengthening of Canada's defences imperative. To what extent the appropriations will be augmented is still unknown. The suggestion that instead of the 35 million average of the past two years, the figure will be 50 million is not yet authenticated.

There is likely to be heard something, however, about the Bren Gun inquiry. The nature of the commission's report at the same time does not leave much ground for extended debate. The idea is advanced that possibly a few members may ask for a parliamentary investigation but it is very unlikely that such a step will be taken. Judge Davis found that "There is no evidence nor is there in the evidence any ground for suspicion that the Minister or Deputy Minister or any officer or official of the Department of National Defence was guilty of any act of corruption or anything in the nature of corruption." There was further no evidence that any member of the Senate or House of Commons was to receive any kind of benefit from the contract. This contract, the subject of the inquiry, was made by the Canadian Government with the John Inglis Company of Toronto and covered the manufacture of 7,000 Bren light machine guns. The British war office had placed a similar order for 5,000 guns with the same company.

West Indies Trade Treaty

The new trade treaty with the United States will be placed before Parliament for approval, and the pact between the United States and the United Kingdom with its bearing on Canada's trade with Britain will be discussed at some length. Another

State Must Continue Aid to Wheat Growers

Pending recovery of lost markets for Canada's wheat, said Premier Bracken at a largely attended luncheon meeting in Calgary this week, the State must give assistance to the wheat producers. Bonussing of wheat production, he declared, was "a redistribution of national wealth and not an increase of it." He maintained that Eastern industry was bonussed by Western Canada, through tariffs, to the extent of \$47,000,000 a year, and that wheat producers should have at least equal consideration from the Federal Government.

The annual convention of the Canadian Silver Black Fox Breeders' Association was held in Calgary this week.

Provincial championship in early spring wheat classes, at the Provincial Seed Fair, was carried off by Howard P. Wright, Airdrie, with Nels Linden, Wetaskiwin, second. Syd Walsh, Berwyn, and P. J. Rock, Drumheller, won the awards in later varieties of spring wheat; Justin Rigby and Lloyd Rigby, Wembley, each won special awards. In the junior section, James Sebastian, Wembley, won the Alberta Wheat Pool trophy for wheat and Lloyd Rigby the United Grain Growers trophy for oats; while Clifford Tebb, Airdrie, and Jack Allsop, Wembley, won special awards for barley.

trade treaty is also in the offing. The pact with the West Indies, which has been in operation for over twelve years, will end on December 31st, 1939, and negotiations will begin before very long for a new treaty.

In the meantime the tariff board will make an investigation of the sugar industry. The board has been asked by Mr. Dunning, the Minister of Finance, to study in detail the operation in Canada of the sugar refining industry particularly in relation to customs duties applicable to raw and refined sugar.

To Review Beet Sugar Industry

In the inquiry the position of the beet sugar industry in our domestic economy will be reviewed. We import large quantities of sugar from British Guiana, from Barbados, Trinidad, Jamaica and other West Indian Islands. The investigation of the sugar industry in Canada will therefore have an important bearing on the negotiations for the new treaty.

In relation to unemployment, the concrete measures proposed by the Government to meet this ever pressing problem will be shown during the session. The survey given in the Speech from the Throne stated that there would be an expansion of the government's long range program of public undertakings. The Federal Government will aid municipal improvement programs. The assistance given single unemployed men through forest conservation measures will be extended to other work of national importance.

Dominion-Provincial Relations

That most knotty of all questions, the constitutional division of authority between the Dominion and Provincial legislatures, will come up for discussion. It is not likely, however, to come to any extent into the foreground until the Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations presents its report, which will be some time during the session. Even then little serious discussion is likely to develop until the promised national conference is called to deliberate on the Commission's findings and proposals. It needs no inspired prophet to predict that even then the results will depend on the extent to which a spirit of good will and co-operation is injected into the proceedings of this conference. This question is still in a very nebulous state.

Either Co-operation or Regimentation

NEW YORK, Jan. 18th.—George D. Aiken, Governor of the State of Vermont, who made headlines last year by demanding that the Republican party adopt a liberal program, declares in his latest book, "Speaking From Vermont," that those who criticise must offer a constructive program and that he feels that the organization of co-operatives provides a concrete alternative to regimentation.

Speaking straight from the shoulder in crisp New England style, Governor Aiken says, "At the risk of becoming monotonous I am going to repeat once more what I have said hundreds of times in the years past, that the key to agricultural betterment lies in co-operation."

Answering his own question, "What have co-operatives done for Vermont?" he describes the growth of co-operative rural electrification, co-operative financing of farm operation, co-operative marketing of potatoes and maple products, and points out that fifty-six per cent of all the milk shipped out of Vermont is marketed by farmer co-operatives and the percentage appears to be increasing steadily. "Co-operative insurance," he says, "has been conspicuously successful."

"Prosperity for agriculture is lacking unless other groups who use its products are in a position to buy and pay for them," declares the Vermont Governor. Illustrating that fact, he says, "I believe that the only safety for dairymen of our New England States—and this applies to other milksheds in the country as well—lies in looking forward to and planning for the time when they, by themselves or in co-operation with the consumers, will distribute a far greater percentage of their own product in the city market than they are doing today."

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Spain Acid Test of Democratic Statesmanship, States United Farmers' President

STATESMEN'S BETRAYALS

Canada Deeply Concerned in Outcome of Struggle Between Fascism and Democracy

"As a country largely dependent upon the export market for her natural products, Canada is deeply concerned with the outcome of the struggle between the ideals of democracy and of fascism," declared President Robert Gardiner, in reviewing world affairs in his address to the Farm Convention.

"The sympathy of most Canadians naturally lies with those who are seeking to realize democratic ideals, but plain economic considerations also impel us to desire their victory. The extension of international trade is incompatible with Fascist nationalism."

Aid to Aggressors

Tendencies to divided counsels in the democratic states, due to the fact that powerful reactionary groups had been willing to sacrifice the interests of the masses of their own people to

Few "Widows and Orphans" Have Stock in Utilities

Not much public utility stock in the U.S.A. is owned by the "widows and orphans" who are so often feelingly referred to by spokesmen for those corporations. The Securities and Exchange Commission found that there were nearly a million and a half shareholders in 14 large and typical utility corporations. However, just over one per cent of these persons owned nearly two-thirds of the stock; and less than 13 per cent of the stockholders owned over 83 per cent of it. In other words, over 1,270,000 shareholders had only 28 shares each, on the average, with little or no say in the management of the corporations.

what they conceived to be their own international class interests, had been working to their logical conclusion during the past year, stated Mr. Gardiner. Those who controlled the foreign policies of the greater European democracies had actually lent aid to aggressor states which sought the complete destruction of free and democratic institutions, not only in Europe but throughout the world. They had been fully aware of the preparations made for aggressive action in Eastern Europe during the spring, summer and early autumn months of 1938; and had taken no effective steps to counter them, but on the other hand,

Farm Local Distributes \$404 in Co-op Dividends

Turning the parlor of a farm home into a counting house for the time being, the Medicine Valley Local of the U.F.A., after proceeding with reorganization, electing officers and appointing a delegate to the Annual U.F.A. Convention, distributed dividends earned from the co-operative buying of gasoline, lubricating oils, etc., to its members. Under the chairmanship of Douglas McDonald, Mr. J. E. Lundberg, being reappointed secretary, passed out, with some assistance, cheques covering the larger amounts and cash covering the smaller amounts, ranging from \$24 down. The Local has earned the sum of \$404 paid by U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association in 1938. There are now 75 members, 33 of whom were present.

The meeting, held in the farm home of Mr. A. B. Koski, was addressed by Norman F. Priestley, Vice-President of the U.F.A. and Chairman of the Co-operative, and by Mr. Arthur Riley, fieldman of the Co-operative.

The farmers of the Excel district are co-operatively minded. Many years ago they started a small Co-operative Store which has grown to be one of the largest and best equipped in the Province. They have taken great interest in the Maple Leaf Petroleum wholesale and retail plant erected by U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association in 1937.

Sylvan Lake U.F.A. Local recently suffered the loss, by death, of their secretary, W. J. Ada; his loss is much felt in the community.

"pressure had been brought to bear upon the prospective victims of aggression to induce them to concede a bloodless victory to the aggressor." The objective of the aggressor had been largely approved in advance. Powerful British newspapers reputedly in the confidence of leading British statesmen had advocated the extension of Nazi domination in Eastern Europe.

"Only the methods to be employed," said Mr. Gardiner, "were in question. These methods were determined at Munich."

British Security Weakened

These decisions, it was pointed out, won wide approval among dominant financial groups in Britain, but time had caused some revision of opinion in these circles, which were now divided, some remaining pro-Nazi, and others changing their views as the fruits of Munich began to ripen. Depreciation of the pound sterling, which necessitated recent drastic measures, was evidence of weakened British security and prestige.

Results in China

There was strong presumptive evidence, Mr. Gardiner pointed out, that the more contemptuous and bolder disregard of British, French and United States interests in the Far East which followed the signing of the pact of Munich, was an indirect consequence of it.

While the fate of economic imperialism was not our concern, anything which tended to hamper the Chinese people in their life and death struggle did, and it was gratifying that British and United States Governments had recently shown a tendency to support the Chinese Government. Though the motive might be mainly the preservation of investments and trading facilities, popular sympathy with the Chinese people might also have influenced the western governments referred to. Much more was needed, however, including measures to quarantine the aggressor.

While during the last two years the legally constituted Government of Spain had been carrying on its struggle against rebellion and invasion by foreign Fascist forces, the governments of the democratic states, by denying the legal Government power to exercise its rights under international law to import arms for its own defence,

NEARLY MILLION DOLLAR BUSINESS AUSPICES OF U.F.A.

U.F.A. Central Co-operative, Together With Local and District Units, Has Big Turnover

CENTRAL'S DIVIDENDS

Total of \$17,831 in Seven Months Almost Equals Previous Twelve Months' Period

Dividends totalling \$17,831.23 were distributed by the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, Limited, during the first seven months of the present financial year—almost as much as for the full period of twelve months of the previous financial year, when the total was \$17,882.43. Since the Central Co-operative commenced operations in 1931, a total of \$80,232.65 has been distributed.

Revenue and Expenses

These figures are contained in the statement of revenue and expenditure presented at the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta this week. The statement shows revenues of \$46,615.45 for the seven months' period, and expenses of \$12,651.41, leaving a balance of \$33,964.04 out of which \$18,257.83 was set aside as provision for dividends, the surplus of \$15,706.21 representing mainly provision for fixed assets.

The report was presented by Norman F. Priestley, chairman of the Co-operative Committee of five—Mr. Priestley, J. K. Sutherland, George Church, Chas. A. Fawcett, and N. D. Stewart.

While, owing to lack of complete records of business done by U.F.A. Locals with merchants and other local sources of supply, it was not possible to give precise figures, it was estimated that total sales during the calendar year 1938 under U.F.A. auspices was approximately \$949,000, covering Locals, district co-operatives and the central organization. Owing to reduction in prices of gasoline and other fuel oils, and in binder twine, coal, etc., the actual increase in money values over 1927 was not as great as the increase in volume of goods handled.

Big Increase in Petroleum Products

As in previous years, chief activities were in petroleum products, binder twine and coal. In petroleum products the gallonage showed an increase of 33.34 per cent in 1938 as compared with 1937 and 12.64 per cent over 1936. Prices of gasoline and tractor fuel had dropped by as much as 2 to 6 cents a gallon since 1935, to the obvious advantage of the consumer. (Continued on page 7)

had "aided and abetted the aggressor states," said Mr. Gardiner. Even at this late date, however, it seemed probable that the Spanish Government could turn the tide if it were allowed to buy and import the arms it needed.

Only War to Meet Challenge

"May I say before I leave this subject of international affairs, that in my judgment the democratic peoples, if they are to meet successfully the challenge of the Fascist dictatorships, must carry out a program of far-reaching internal economic change," declared Mr. Gardiner. "Political democracy must find its complement in economic democracy. Only by the establishment of economic democracy can we at the same time ensure national efficiency and the preservation of freedom. The only alternative to economic democracy is the steady growth of the disruptive forces which now exist within our still relatively free constitutional states, ending in the triumph, for our own day at least, of the dark forces which seek to enslave mankind, physically and mentally."

Alberta Pool Elevators

RESULTS OF SEVEN YEARS' OPERATIONS

At the commencement of the 1931-32 season, the Alberta Wheat Pool's obligations to the Province of Alberta arising out of the 1929 Pool overpayment amounted to \$5,649,000. In addition the bank loan on the Pool terminal at Vancouver amounted to \$1,750,000. This made a total indebtedness at that time in connection with the Pool capital structure of \$7,399,000.

As a result of the operations of Alberta Pool Elevators over the past seven years the debt to the Province was reduced as at July 31st, 1938, to \$4,487,000 and the bank loan on the terminal property has been paid in full. In addition the Pool has paid interest to the Province over the past seven years of \$1,816,000 and interest to the banks on the terminal loan of \$320,000.

Furthermore, after providing payment on September 1st, 1937, in respect to the cleaning up of the terminal loan as well as the instalment of principal due to the Province of Alberta, September 1st, 1938, Alberta Pool's liquid assets have improved as compared to July 15th, 1931, to the extent of approximately \$500,000.

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

State Co-operative Action Could Have Changed Our History

If Co-operative Buying of Farm Supplies Had Proceeded Along With Marketing

"Judging by the progress made in the last eight years, it would appear that if the co-operative buying of farm supplies had been recognized as complementary to the co-operative marketing of farm products when the movement towards co-operation first began in our farm organization, and the organizing energies of our people had been directed along both lines, the economic history of Western Canada might have been changed in a very considerable degree," stated the report of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, Ltd., presented by Chairman Norman F. Priestley to the U.F.A. Convention.

At Beginning of Settlement

"We were here at the beginning of settlement. Agricultural and commercial development proceeded side by side. With the capital that farmers brought to the West and the capital they created from the fruits of its virgin soil, they assisted to create a wasteful system of competitive services, the overhead of which is a direct charge on the wealth that farmers create. This process might have been greatly checked if in the early life of our organization its effects could have been foreseen."

"To have built a system of co-operative merchandising at the same time as the co-operative selling of farm products over the past 25 years would have placed the farm people in charge of a large section of the distributing system which is necessary to serve them and would have enabled them to shape its policies to meet their needs. Instead of that we have saddled ourselves with a burden of overhead that is breaking us down."

A chart attached to the report showed phenomenal progress made in increasing sales in successive years.

During the year twelve new plants were erected under the Co-operative's contract with Maple Leaf Petroleum, Ltd., seven in the Peace River at Grande Prairie, Beaverlodge, Hythe, Sexsmith, Fairview, Brownvale and Grimshaw. The other five were erected at Mannville, Holden, Strome, Olds and Vauxhall. In all cases except two the plants consist of steel warehouses and underground storage. In several cases there is a retail service station attached.

Over one hundred agencies are being operated under the contract with Maple Leaf Petroleum, thirty-three being the property of the Central Co-operative, seven owned by local and district units of the Association, the remainder owned or controlled by the Company.

In Binder Twine

Increase of 28.62 per cent in distribution of binder twine as compared with 1937 was shown, to U.F.A. Locals, district co-operatives and co-operative stores.

"Our arrangement with the United Grain Growers, Ltd.," it was stated, "for the fourth successive year placed at the disposal of the Locals and the larger units of the Co-operative the facilities of the supply department of the company, together with its numerous commodity warehouses at a large number of country elevators. We have also had the co-operation of the Alberta Wheat Pool in cases where use of their elevators or warehouses was requested."

Other lines handled included tires, batteries, etc., which showed considerable increase, farm chemicals such as strychnine, gopher poison, formaldehyde, fence posts, salt, poultry supplies, British Columbia fruit. Some progress had been made in writing fire and automobile insurance.

President Retires



Mrs. Marie E. Malloy, who announced her retirement from office at the Farm Convention. Mrs. Malloy has served as an officer of the United Farm Women for nine years, during two of which she has been President.

Mr. Baxter's Neck

(Winnipeg Free Press)

Mr. Beverley Baxter, who has pleased so many thousands of listeners by leaving the Canadian air empty of his liquid tones, recently stuck his neck out at a luncheon in London. It was a literary luncheon, and the subject of the speeches was "The Press and Its Freedom." Mr. Baxter presided. One of the speakers was Mr. Wickham Steed, ex-editor of the *London Times*, who declared the duty of the press lay to the people and not to the government, a doctrine wholly repugnant to Mr. Baxter. When Mr. Steed went on to criticize Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Baxter took it upon himself to intervene. He rose to tell Mr. Steed he was supposed to be talking about the freedom of the press. Mr. Steed retorted:

"Before I consented to speak I was given complete freedom to speak on any subject I liked, and I must protest, as a pressman, at your attempt to curtail my freedom of speech."

Mr. Baxter subsided, probably less gracefully than he had arisen, having demonstrated in a short sentence or two his complete lack of comprehension of the fundamental duty of a newspaperman under any conditions save those of Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy or Communist Russia.

Plan of Co-operative Town

A chart prepared by a member, setting out an idea for a true community co-operative, in the form of a two-block town plan with all the different stores set out with a central heating and lighting plant; covered parking space in centre, free medical and dentist clinics, etc., was shown at the annual meeting of the Fairview U.F.A., held in Aberdeen in December. The meeting was well attended, a moose and goose supper being an enjoyable feature. Toast to the Horn Hill U.F.W.A. was proposed by Mr. Crispin and responded to by Mrs. F. Stevenson. Officers were elected as follows: President, R. Crispin; vice-president, B. Parsonage; secretary-treasurer, A. G. Quantz; executive, D. Larat, G. Malcolm, B. R. Centre, W. Cone, T. Simpson, R. Kerr, G. Litchfield. Discussion of "The platform of the newly elected New Zealand Government," was led by H. A. Malcolm.

In a total of \$27,678,000 loaned out under the National Housing Act, Alberta is the only Province that has not taken any part. Ontario has had \$12,917,000.

Marketing Boards Imperative Need Is U.F.A. Board View

Year's Activities Reviewed in Report Presented to Annual Convention

One of the imperative needs of Canadian farm people, declared the U.F.A. Board of Directors in their report for the year 1938, is the establishing of producer-controlled boards, with powers to control the marketing of farm products, particularly livestock. Following the establishing of the constitutionality of the B.C. Natural Products Marketing Act, earlier in the year, the U.F.A. had made representations to the Alberta Government that similar legislation should be passed in this Province, stated the report.

Tax Collection Modified

The Board expressed pleasure in being able to report that plans of the Alberta Government for a rigid and extensive collection of taxes and tax arrears, throughout the Province, were modified following a campaign initiated by the U.F.A., by radio broadcasts and through other means. These plans had been made in expectation of a bumper crop, whereas the organization had realized that the rains had been of a spotty nature, and that many districts would be in no better position than in former years, to say the least, to pay either current taxes or arrears.

The publicity campaign arranged by the Vice-president, to arouse public opinion to the dangers of having a 70

cent minimum price set for wheat, was described by the report, and the Board expressed thanks for assistance given in this movement by the Canadian Wheat Pools, United Grain Growers, together with Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade throughout the West, and other organizations and individuals.

President's Broadcasts

Many expressions of appreciation of President Gardiner's broadcasts in November had been received, along with suggestions that they should be continued; the Board stated that funds did not permit of any large expenditures for such a purpose.

Reference was made to the presentation of resolutions from the 1938 Convention to Provincial and Federal Governments; in the case of the Alberta Government, efforts to have the Cabinet meet a delegation gathered in Edmonton proved fruitless and the resolutions were forwarded by mail. Formal acknowledgment was received by mail from Edmonton, and from some Ministers at Ottawa, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Federal Minister of Agriculture, replying at some length.

Action taken by the Executive early in the spring with a view to relief of the acute feed shortage in the drought areas, and later with regard to the insufficient supply of relief seed, were described, as well as the campaign undertaken to warn U.F.A. Locals and other farmers of the dangers inherent in the proposed Production Tax Act. The Board expressed satisfaction that the Act had been declared ultra vires.

Freedom of Discussion

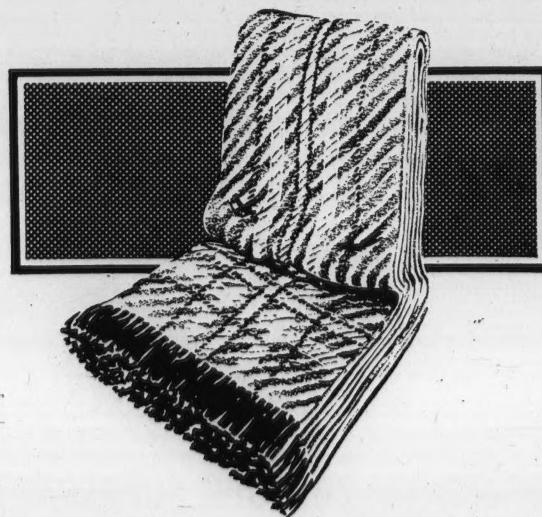
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Current News from Near and Far

PROVINCIAL

First mayor of Red Deer, and a resident since 1884, R. L. Gaetz died in Victoria last week.

The annual meeting of the Alberta Trustees Association in Edmonton last week re-elected Dr. C. A. Staples of Stettler president.

Some 100 delegates attended the first Provincial convention of the Women's Auxiliary to the Social Credit League.

Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett left Calgary last Friday after being honored by many civic and organization functions and presentations.

The second defaulting of the Alberta Government this year was in connection with a \$2,500,000 debenture issue falling due on January 15th.

Reduction of water rates in the Eastern Irrigation District by 10 per cent this year, announced by E. L. Gray, M.L.A., will probably mean a saving of \$20,000 to farmers.

Legislation to make possible the participation of Alberta borrowers in the Dominion housing scheme loans will be introduced in the Assembly during the coming session, it is reported from Edmonton.

The guaranteed 80-cent price for wheat was a fair one, and every reasonable farmer was satisfied with it, declared John I. McFarland, speaking in the interests of the Unity Council, in High River last week.

The radio tube commission finished its hearings in Edmonton last week, and will report, it is expected, during the coming session of the Legislature. The Edmonton radio servicemen's organization expressed the view that it could "serve no good purpose."

Membership in the three branches of the U.F.A. for 1938 totalled 6,423, as at December 31st; however, it is expected that 1938 dues paid since the end of the year will bring the total well over the figure for the previous year, 6,596. Total revenue for the year was \$9,441.03.

Agreeing to take 25 per cent of salaries in treasury vouchers instead of the 50 per cent suggested by the Government, the Alberta Civil Service Association in Edmonton proposed that members of the Government and the Legislature should also accept 25 per cent of their salaries in treasury vouchers.

Minimum food relief allowances, states the special Legislative committee on relief, should be based on the amounts specified by the inter-Provincial nutritional committee, and on local prices, and an additional 10 per cent should be allowed for incidentals. Among other recommendations is one proposing that municipalities be required to conform, in relief matters, to Provincial regulations.

The pegged price for wheat had had a directly beneficial effect on Eastern Canadian business, said Lon A. Cavanaugh, past president of the Calgary Board of Trade, in Drumheller last week.

The Federal and Provincial Governments will collaborate in building a winter road from Notikewin to the mouth of the Hay River, on Great Slave Lake, it is announced from Ottawa.

Control of drilling of Alberta oil wells, and of production of oil and gas in the Province, is placed in the hands of the Alberta Oil and Gas Conservation Board, by Order-in-Council of the Alberta Government on Tuesday.

A recent order-in-council of the Provincial Government will facilitate the testing in the courts of the Interest Securities Act. Action is being brought by the Independent Order of Foresters, who hold \$370,000 worth of Provincial bonds.

DOMINION

Dividends paid by Canadian corporations during 1938 reached a new high—over \$313,000,000.

Voice objection to any display of wealth at a time when so many Canadians were in need, J. S. Woods-worth, C.C.F. leader, said in the House of Commons on Tuesday that he hoped the welcome to the King and Queen next spring would be "dignified but simple."

Replying to a request of Dr. Manion, Opposition Leader, Prime Minister Mackenzie King said that he would have to consult the Home Secretary in London before making public correspondence between the two Governments over the Czechoslovakian crisis last September; some of it, he added, was confidential.

Classing Hitler as the world's greatest statesman (though not favoring his policies of persecution) Church of England Bishop Harding, of Rupert's land, praised the dictator for having "disciplined democracy" and advocated a similar plan of forced manual labor for all young people. After two years, he thought, of such work, the brilliant young people could "proceed for professions, while those less mentally agile would be well started on the road to successful farming."

George McCullagh, publisher of the Toronto *Globe and Mail*, owned by wealthy mining interests, was not permitted to buy time over the C.B.C. network, according to a statement of Gladstone Murray, general manager, because of the policy of the C.B.C. to give round table and forum discussions, free of cost, rather than to allow individuals to broadcast opinions on controversial matters. In the House of Commons, the Prime Minister said that while the Government had nothing to do with the decision, it would stand behind the C.B.C.

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A co-operative farm settlement in the Carrot Creek district is contemplated by members of the Canadian Legion at The Pas, Manitoba.

A domestic wheat price of \$1.35 per bushel was among proposals made by J. H. Wesson, president of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, speaking in Regina.

A "self-supporting, non-exploiting plan" whereby the unemployed of Vancouver would produce their own food and clothing, is being worked out, stated Mayor Lyle Telford.

During his visit to Canada next spring, King George VI will give addresses at Quebec, Ottawa, Winnipeg, and either Vancouver or Victoria, and all will be broadcast.

That direct connection between Nazi propaganda in Manitoba and German government officials was revealed by records in the offices of the Provincial Government is stated by the Winnipeg Tribune.

WORLD

Output of American meat packing plants is at its highest level in four years.

Bush fires following prolonged drought in Australia have cost sixty lives and millions of dollars of property damage.

The U.S. has sold Japan no aeroplanes or bombs since July 1st, 1938, though some \$9,000,000 worth were secured earlier in the year.

If they can admit a sufficient number of German Jewish refugees, Jews in Palestine are themselves willing to undertake defence of the country.

Hitler has postponed his drive towards the Ukraine until Mussolini has had time to arrange things in the Mediterranean to his liking, states a London despatch.

Great Britain has joined the U.S. and France in protesting strongly to Japan against efforts to crowd them out of China commercially. Japan is making an "open door" to Oriental immigration, the price of Chinese trade for Western powers.

Explosions on Monday and Tuesday at power plants and other centres of public service occurred at Birmingham, Manchester, London, Liverpool and other large cities. Scotland Yard suspects the Irish Republican army organization.

Loudly demanding territorial concessions at the expense of France, the Italian press is carrying on a violent campaign of abuse against everything French—apparently in the hope of being allowed to subdue the Spanish Government without outside interference.

Contrary to many press predictions that President Roosevelt's W.P.A. appropriation would be drastically slashed, Congress voted \$725,000,000 for expenditure up to June 30th next. This was \$150 millions less than they were asked for, but \$225 millions more than was prophesied in anti-Roosevelt quarters.

Raising of wheat prices and distribution of world markets on a quota basis was favored by the majority of speakers at the London wheat conference. A suggestion that industrial uses of wheat be studied was approved, but it was generally felt that the conference was not empowered to set up a bureau for such research.

Convention Decisions

Action taken by the U.F.A. Annual Convention, up to the time of going to press, included the following:

Voted down "secession" resolution. Asked Alberta Government to institute state medicine.

Asked investigation into feasibility of all-risk crop insurance.

Urged that farmers be allowed to retain seed and feed grain for two years' supply.

Asked Federal subsidy for doctors and assistance for health units in drought areas.

Endorsed proposal to have one drought area farmer on P.F.R. Board.

Voted appreciation of services to country of Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett. Asked for second Board of Review, under F.C.A.A., for Alberta.

Combined constituencies of Bow River and West Calgary; Macleod and East Calgary; Wetaskiwin and East Edmonton; Jasper-Edson and West Edmonton; into four U.F.A. directorates, making total number of directors thirteen.

The German aircraft industry is reported to be producing at the rate of 1,000 a month.

British housewives are being urged to store up food supplies as a precaution against war.

Efforts of Nazi Germany to ensure Poland's help for expansion eastward are being assiduously continued.

France and Great Britain, in rivalry with Germany and Italy, are rapidly advancing air communications with South American countries.

The aircraft industry of the U.S. could be speeded up to an output of 5,500 planes a year, stated the president of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce in New York.

In a debate broadcast throughout the world, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ickes declared that the press had been put in shackles by private interests and owners.

The mysterious attack on German consular buildings in The Hague, which roused the Nazi German press to such alarm and fury against the Netherlands, is reports to have been made by a child's slingshot.

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

State Government Program Saved Butter Prices From Disastrous Levels in U.S.A.

National Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Express
Appreciation of Effective Assistance Given Dairy In-
dustry by Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

In the United States the Government recognizes the importance of the dairy industry in a very concrete way, by measures taken under the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Canadian dairy co-operatives would do well to note well the following resolution adopted at the recent convention of the National Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation in Cincinnati. The United States Federal Government believes in assisting the co-operatives.

The resolution follows:

"On behalf of the dairy farmers of the United States, we again desire to express our sincere appreciation for the manner in which the Agricultural Adjustment Administration has handled the purchase of surplus dairy commodities."

"The program of the Dairy Products Marketing Association under which dairy co-operative organizations have with governmental aid and assistance, stabilized the price of butter during the past six months, has been of untold assistance to all dairy farmers throughout this country.

Saved From Disastrous Price Levels

"Without this program there is little question that the price of butter would have reached disastrously low levels. It can be safely assumed that this program has resulted in many millions of additional money being paid to our farmers for their milk and dairy products. While the program is not perfect, it does constitute a substantial step toward a sound program for dairymen. We urge the continuance of this program which has permitted the dairy farmer to have an important voice in the price at which butter, the foundation stone of all milk prices, is fixed.

"In addition, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration has continued its helpful purchase program in connection with other dairy products and as in the past, such purchases have exercised a substantial and valuable effect on the prices paid

the dairy farmers for their products. "Prices to dairy farmers have also been substantially improved through marketing agreements and orders as administered by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

"In all activities we have had the full and complete co-operation of everyone in the Department of Agriculture and in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in carrying out a successful program to aid dairymen."

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A three teated cow should always be treated with suspicion. They invariably are carriers of udder diseases, even though the rest of the udder is in healthy condition.

A fundamental axiom of horse husbandry is well expressed in the statement, "A horse is no better than his four feet." Translated into terms of dairy husbandry, it would sound much like this: "A dairy cow is no better than her udder."

Implied or expressed, this rule largely governs the desirability of animals considered for a dairy herd. The attention of the stock judge is focused on the udder conformation as a guide to a cow's excellence, and the dairymen ultimately rates her value to him according to the evidence of the milk sheets and the butterfat test.

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ing. It is complex in its physiology. Functioning as it does under high tension, for maximum milk production during most of the adult life of the cow, this marvelous structure is subjected to a very great physical strain, with small opportunity for rest or repair. The extra tax on the udder which is involved in the birth of calves and shortly thereafter often counterbalances the rest allowed between milking periods.

Some 1,200 exhibitors have entered livestock in the beef classes of the Golden Gate International Exposition, to be held February 18th and 19th in San Francisco. The prize list in these classes aggregates \$74,000.

A total of \$24,480,000 has been lent to upwards of 61,000 borrowers under the Home Improvement scheme. Ontario, with a total of over \$11,500,000 is far in the lead; Alberta, with a total of \$970,000 comes third among the Provinces.

Wheat imports by the United Kingdom from the U.S.A. dropped from 32 per cent in 1927 to 3.6 per cent in 1937. From 1932 there was a duty of approximately 6 cents a bushel, removed by the new trade treaty.

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Voluntary Control Over Output Is Advocated by Farm Women's President

"Never Submit to Defeatist Attitude," Mrs. Malloy's Recommendation
—Reviews Position of Agriculture in Annual Address to
Farm Women's Convention

Declaring that agriculture, if it is to be put on a sound economic basis, must follow the example of secondary industry "which has always exercised a strict but voluntary control over its output," Mrs. Marie Malloy, President of the United Farm Women of Alberta, in her annual address to the main Farm Convention in Calgary, on Tuesday, rejected the views of "some economists who tell us that the economic cycle is in itself all the control that agriculture needs. Twenty-five cent wheat and three cent hogs (she said) are rather severe punishment for the lack of regimentation and control over the production and sale of farm produce. To me that is a pretty cruel sort of control."

Pointing out that "agriculture is made up of millions of individualistic producing units," Mrs. Malloy contended that this condition "demands that there be some central agency through which these numerous units can work and make their demands."

An officer of the organization for the past 9 years, during 2 of which she has been President of the U.F.W.A., Mrs. Malloy concluded a thoughtful and powerful presentation of the case for strong farmer organization, and a review of national and world affairs, with the announcement that she would not this year be a candidate for re-election. Happy in that she "had been found worthy to be a leader in so powerful an organization," she relinquished office with "sadness because I will greatly miss those associations which I cherish greatly."

Question of Political Action

Mrs. Malloy briefly discussed the position of the organization in relation to public affairs. "If you feel, as I do," she said, "that we must have some medium through which to express our political views, then, ponder the question well before you cast your vote. Remember . . . there can be no failure as long as we keep on trying."

There was "much to be said pro and con with regard to the desirability of discontinuing our political activities," and Mrs. Malloy trusted that each delegate would act without prejudice, remembering that "the past is dead and gone, nothing can recall it and the thing we must concern ourselves with is the future." But they must consider whether without political action they could exert enough influence on governments to "secure those things which we need so badly today"—crop control and price control; elimination of high interest rates; elimination of the profit system which is taking such a dreadful toll in human happiness today; better and more social services, the need for which was never more apparent than at the present time. She stressed the desirability of having "governments friendly to the co-operatives."

Stresses Junior Work

Mrs. Malloy made an appeal for greater interest in Junior work. The women, she said, had shown themselves willing to make greater efforts in this field than the men. "If the members of the U.F.A. do not make a greater effort to interest their sons in this organization," she said, "much of their effort of today will be of no avail."

"There is nothing so contagious as enthusiasm," the President of the Farm Women's organization said in the opening passages of her address, stating that every delegate would be well repaid for the effort they might put into their duties at the convention. Since "there can be no economic security in this country unless we have a prosperous agriculture," nothing was more important in the interests of all classes of society than the work of those who were responsible for farm organization.

"During the year," Mrs. Malloy said, "I have covered a large portion of Alberta, travelling from the Peace River to the southern border, and I am firmly convinced that farm people are looking to the U.F.A. to prove the medium through which something will be done about agricultural problems. It is true that many people have become discouraged in the struggle, for, in spite of scientific knowledge and advancement, difficulties which seem almost insurmountable demand attention and solution."

A Cowardly Attitude

For all the peoples of the earth the past year had been a trying one, and hopelessness as to the future had been expressed on every hand. "Many people tell us that we shall always have millions of unemployed people and that another world war is inevitable. What a cowardly attitude to take! It is merely another way of admitting that the world has reached the end of its resources, that hope is dead, that there is no future. If this be true, of what use is life? Why carry on our educational institutions, medical and scientific research, or any project which will make life happier and better for coming generations? If we adopt that attitude it seems we must also admit there is no need for religious philosophy."

"As for myself, I will never subscribe to a defeatist attitude, either in connection with our own organization or in the broader field of national and international economy. It can only lead to greater chaos and misery, and it is false."

"It is not the unemployment, the insecurity of so many people, the needless suffering all over the world which disturbs me most today; that gives me the gravest apprehension. It is the moral breakdown of our people which constitutes the greatest tragedy. It is the loss of faith in oneself, the lack of personal responsibility for another's unfortunate plight, the rapidity with which we are willing to trade priceless liberties for empty promises, that causes me the greatest concern. No individual or group of individuals can plan our lives for us."

Assure Cost of Production

"We must not lose sight of the fact that quick results are frequently lacking in permanence. There must be a plan, whereby the farmer is assured cost of production, in which case the troublesome debt structure will in some measure be weakened and lessened. This plan if evolved, will be worked out and demanded by

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the men and women on the land. It should eventually be administered by the farmers themselves—through their own organizations, with the least degree possible of red tape and bureaucratic control.

"I want to say that any farm program which does not have as its objective more intelligent land use and the preservation of our natural resources is not a sound program.

"And we must not lose sight of the fact that there is no conservation as important as the conservation of human resources. A satisfied rural population demands something more than an abundance of material things. We must preserve the integrity, pride and self-reliance of the human being. A wise farm program must take into account the things of the heart and the mind and the soul."

Voluntary vs. Forced Organization

In the wide field of world affairs the years ahead would be difficult. If the democratic countries were to hold their own, "they must get ready now, mentally and spiritually as well as materially," said Mrs. Malloy. They must match the enforced organization and capacity for work of the authoritarian states with a voluntary co-operation of the elements making up the community.

As to the organization, success would depend upon keeping pace with changing times. Blind loyalty to a cause was not sufficient. "The economic system under which we live must be superseded eventually. During

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the transition stage, however, many things can be done to alleviate the distress round about us. At this stage of the game, it seems to me these are the things it is imperative that this association should do. Much will need to be done through education, which is always a slower means to an end than dictation. It has this advantage, however, that when the job is finished, the integrity and self-reliance of the individual is left intact.”

Activities of Farm Women's Locals

Mrs. Jessie Umschied, Mrs. S. Williams and Mrs. Eva M. Hulbert are the officers of Milo U.F.W.A. this year.

A whist drive in the fall brought in funds for expenses of the delegate of Fort Saskatchewan U.F.W.A. At the annual meeting Mrs. Wm. Faulkner was elected president and Mrs. C. H. Galloway secretary, reports Mrs. Fay Stetson, retiring secretary.

With the meetings getting more and more interesting all the time, no suggestions are now heard to disband the Local, as was the case two or three

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Miss Margaret Archibald's Address to the Farmers' Convention will be reviewed in our next issue. Miss Archibald is president of the Junior U.F.A. Her subject is "Youth in Canada Today."

Stanley Wiglesworth, Jane Johnston and Harry Wiglesworth were elected by Turnip Lake Junior Local recently to serve second terms as president, vice-president and treasurer, respectively. Andrew Young was elected corresponding secretary—a new office.

Success, financially and otherwise, attended the dance held by Alix Junior U.F.A. Local during the holidays. These young people are trying to secure a two-day short course in agriculture at Alix this winter, writes Peggy Wolferstan, secretary.

CJCJ—Friendly Voice of the Foothills

January—the slowup month—when everyone takes it easy—and starts counting every penny to meet those Christmas bills—has failed to make the boys around CJCJ to take it easy. The Big Seven hockey set-up with the Calgary Stampeders breaking their losing streak offered the desired tonic to get things moving and between hockey, the departure of R. B. Bennett, and special broadcasts on the “European Refugee Situation,” the first two weeks have passed with all kinds of activity and successful serving of the radio audience.

CJCJ usually originates all hockey broadcasts 20 minutes after the starting time of each game. In Okotoks the other night when the Leafs lost to the Oilers 3-2 it turned out to be quite fortunate that the broadcast couldn't be released till 9:15. For just about the usual time to go on the air a fight broke out in the penalty box where Don Mackay was slated to broadcast the game from, and between players and fans who piled into the cooler, it would have been just too bad from a listener viewpoint as the commentator went down under a barrage of sticks, players and fans. Fortunately the microphone was dropped into a corner where it wasn't touched by the overheated lads who blew their tops for the moment.

Labor organizations in California are asking that “surplus” oranges, instead of being destroyed, should be distributed among needy families.

Tom Mooney, pardoned by the new Democrat Governor of California after 22 years in jail for a crime he did not commit, in a radio address pledged himself to work for a “new and better social order.”

years ago, writes Mrs. John Dane, retiring secretary of Rainy Creek U.F.W.A. (Blackfalds). The newly elected officers are Mrs. R. J. Heenan and Mrs. J. H. Stone.

With receipts of \$309 for the year, Horse Hill U.F.W.A. closed their books with a balance of \$89 in hand. At the annual meeting they elected as officers for the coming year Mrs. C. M. West, Mrs. W. G. Clark and Mrs. Jeanie Appleby.

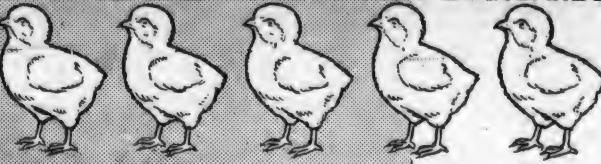
The friendship chain idea, as suggested by Central Office, was enjoyed so much by Standard U.F.W.A. that they have decided to repeat it this year. Early in the year each member drew the name of another member and during the year befriended that person, anonymously, in every way possible. At the Christmas meeting each person tried to guess the name of her “U.F.W.A. friend”—and most were wrong, writes Mrs. Tena Wagler, secretary.

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So it was decided to create the new gymnasium, located in the same building as the studios in order that the members of the CFAC staff might dash in between programs and indulge in athletics. We warn the boys here and now, though, that strong man acts are no more use on the airwaves than card tricks!

some time on the network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, “The Happy Gang” is now heard every morning, excepting Saturday and Sunday, at 11:00 a.m., over CFAC. The program is of the variety type, full of comedy and bright music. May we recommend “The Happy Gang” as fine morning entertainment.

Burgess Meredith, star of stage and screen, will join Orson Welles and his players in a dramatization of “The Chicken Wagon Family,” when it is presented over the “Campbell Playhouse” through CFAC on Friday, January 20th, 7 to 8 p.m. Meredith plays the role of the shy young Texas reporter who falls in love with the daughter of the Fippiani family, while Orson Welles will appear as Papa Fippiani.

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Dairy Market

The butter market has shown some little improvement and the situation as a whole is much brighter. There has been an increase in prices with Montreal quoted at 23-1/4, Toronto 23, and Winnipeg 21-1/4. The fact that the British market has gone up to 126 shillings has helped the situation in Canada a great deal, and exports from December 4th to January 8th amounted to 7,208 boxes, while 5,250 of this number were shipped during the first week in January. The Canadian surplus has not gone down a great deal, due, of course, to the increased production, this year's make being 1,300,000 pounds over last year's. Local prices are up one cent, first grade prints being quoted at 24c and special grade butterfat 18c.

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World Wheat Situation

Overseas wheat importing nations have assumed a "do-nothing" attitude towards the wheat market. They are waiting to see what Argentina's course of action in marketing her 200 million bushels surplus is going to be. The only thing that could stir up immediate buying is threats of open war.

The United States mid-west winter wheat-belt has obtained some important moisture, particularly in the Texas wheat region, and, of course, conditions are improved thereby. Wheat fields in India are still suffering from drought and even the imposition of a 28c a bushel import duty has not completely stopped purchases. The damage, if any, to Europe's wheat crop from cold weather is not ascertainable of course until spring comes.

In Western Canada the winter has been a very mild one. Grain deliveries from the farms have been dwindling to a small trickle. Wheat is moving from the interior to ports on the Pacific and Broomhall conjectures that the Wheat Board is getting rid of as much wheat as possible before Argentinian supplies move heavily to market. The grain market at Winnipeg is dull and prices move only within a very narrow range.

To Co-ordinate Buying Policies of Co-op. Wholesales

**Provinces Developing Common
Policy—Christensen Reviews
Progress in Various Fields**

"Alberta Co-operative Wholesales concluded the year 1938 with 42 co-operative units purchasing through its facilities, and in every way the year was a most successful one," stated A. H. Christensen, Supervisor of Co-operative Activities for the Alberta Department of Trade and Industry, in an interview with *The Western Farm Leader* a few days ago. "A Calgary office will be opened as soon as stores in Southern Alberta are ready for this step."

Mr. Christensen said that great progress had been made towards co-ordination of purchasing by the Co-operative Wholesales in Alberta and Saskatchewan as the result of a conference of officers recently held at Saskatoon. He added that the Manitoba Co-operative Wholesale also was planning to come into this arrangement. Jack Dobson, manager of the purchasing department of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Wholesale has been in Edmonton for some time consulting D. Smeaton, manager of the A.C.W., in regard to these matters.

Speaking of the progress of co-operation in Alberta last year, Mr. Christensen said the consumers' movement had shown remarkable vitality, while co-operative dairying had also shown progress. Several co-operative cheese factories had been opened during the year and were now operating. "In spite of the fact that co-operative livestock shipping associations are without Provincial set-up," he added, "several new associations have been formed, but the need for co-ordination is great and it is to be hoped that shipping associations will realize the necessity for such progressive action.

"Another feature of the year has been the establishment of five new livestock feeder associations which are enabling farmers to buy feeder cattle to use up the plentiful feed supply to advantage.

"I attribute the strongly renewed interest in co-operation mainly to the fact that the Department of Trade and Industry in dealing with co-operative activity has always stuck to the policy that co-operation and politics do not mix, and that co-operation comes first."

Hardy E. Salter of Calgary has been made director, for Alberta, of the Canadian Percheron Association.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Jan. 17th.—The cattle market has been active with prices firm. Good to choice butcher steers were \$5.25 to \$6, common to medium \$3.50 to \$5; good to choice heifers \$4.75 to \$5.75, common to medium \$3.25 to \$4.50. Good to choice fed calves sold at \$5.25 to \$6.50; good cows \$3 to \$4.25; canners and cutters \$1.50 to \$2; good bulls \$3.50 to \$4. Good stocker and feeder steers were \$4 to \$4.50, common \$3.25 to \$3.75; good stocker cows and heifers \$2.50 to \$3.50, common \$2 to \$2.50. Hogs were lower with selects \$8, bacon \$7.50 and butchers \$6.50. Good lambs sold at \$7 to \$7.25.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Jan. 17th.—The cattle market has shown fair action with prices holding steady. Good fed calves were \$5 to \$6; good to choice steers \$5.50 to \$6, common to medium \$3.25 to \$5.50; good to choice heifers \$5 to \$5.50, common to medium \$3.50 to \$5; good to choice cows \$3.50 to \$3.75; canners and cutters \$2.50 down; bulls \$3 to \$3.75. Stockers and feeders continued firm with good kinds \$3.50 to \$4.50, others \$3.50 down. Good to choice lightweight calves sold at \$6.50 to \$7. The hog market was a little stronger with selects at \$8.15, bacon \$7.65 and butchers \$6.65, off trucks. Good to choice lambs were quoted at \$7.25 down; yearlings \$4.50 down; ewes \$3 down.

Another Winner to Raffle Leader Rug

Conrich U.F.W.A. expect to raffle the auto rug received from The Western Farm Leader, along with a quilt they are making, states Mrs. W. R. Barker, secretary.

Heavy imports of South American chilled beef had crowded Canadian beef pretty well off the British markets, declared Jack Byers in Calgary Monday, but the increased American quotas would assist greatly in making up for the loss.

Educating of Alberta farmers to use registered seed was discussed at the recent meeting, in Calgary, of the Alberta Seed Growers' Association, in view of a possible surplus supply. Howard P. Wright, Airdrie, president; T. H. Howes, Millet, vice-president, and E. H. Buckingham, Edmonton, secretary-treasurer, were all re-elected.

Grasshoppers could be wiped out in a year, if farmers and municipalities would co-operate in "cultural" methods of destruction, declared Professor E. H. Strickland at the agricultural short course in Calgary this week. Professor Pavlychenko, of Saskatchewan, dealing with the weed problem, declared that prevention of weed infestation was much better than eradication. Another speaker, C. A. Lyndon, Provincial Government livestock supervisor, urged concentration on quality rather than quantity livestock production; of Alberta cattle marketed in 1937, he said, only 4.4 per cent graded "choice" and 28 per cent "good."

CONVENTION.. BREVITIES

"All that the farmer can expect to secure under the present economic system is what he can successfully struggle for."—Robert Gardiner.

"An English essayist has said, 'Three quarters of the time of the wise is spent in undoing the harm done by the good.' Good intentions, high principles and nobility of purpose are not enough—these must be tempered with wisdom."—Mrs. Malloy.

"A satisfactory price for wheat would be the basis for the solution of the whole debt problem of Canada."—Mr. Brownlee.

"We are trying to adapt the economic theories of long ago to the industrial facts with which Edison, Ford and McCormick have created the age of plenty." Miss Margaret Archibald, president of the Junior U.F.A.

"Fascism feeds on the discontent of our people, and the biggest task before us is the strengthening of the foundations of our democracy, the elimination of the social and economic evils which are proving such a boon to those who are fostering the growth of dictatorship in Canada."—Mrs. Malloy, President of the U.F.W.A.

"If the farmer received benefits from our fiscal policy equal to the benefits secured by our secondary interests, no great harm would be done to the primary producer."—Robert Gardiner.

"There is no problem in regard to legislation concerning farmers' indebtedness that cannot be solved by the Dominion and Provincial Governments working together."—J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D.

"The world we are facing is the world you have helped to shape. Just what are our prospects, our future, in this world that you have handed down to us?"—Miss Archibald, addressing the Senior Convention.

"There can be no economic justice and security for the farmer until the full cost of production is included in the price that we receive for farm produce."—President Gardiner.

"The idea of the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act originated in this hotel at a conference of three Provincial Premiers, who knew that the Province had no power to reduce interest and that it probably lacked power to reduce debt." J. E. Brownlee.

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Establishment of a Canadian wheat Institute equipped to carry out promotional work on behalf of Canadian wheat in every part of the world where its sale can be maintained or expanded, was strongly advocated by H. L. Griffin, of the research department of the United Grain Growers, Limited, at the conclusion of a detailed appraisal of the Canadian wheat situation presented to the Bracken conference in Winnipeg. The presentation contained a comprehensive review of the position of Canadian wheat in relation to world markets, with important statistical matter.

Might Bring Promptly Into Action

"Whether the international wheat market remains constant, shrinks further, or expands again," said Mr. Griffin, "Canada must try to sell as much wheat as possible." The proposed Institute would, he believed, prove of the highest value in this regard, and he stressed the opinion that "a sufficient representation in its favor in Western Canada might well bring such an Institute promptly into being and into action."

It was pointed out that while an appreciation of the milling value of Canadian wheat exists with some millers and with some bakers in overseas markets, it is still lacking in others, as Dr. Alonzo Taylor, world recognized authority, had shown. Furthermore, the superior food value of Canadian wheat, containing as it does about the same starch (energy value) as other wheat, with a higher protein (nitrogenous and body building) element, meant that it would frequently represent the cheapest form of such food value—a fact which should be exploited.

Mr. Griffin stressed the need for study of baking techniques in different markets abroad—in some of which the best methods of getting food value out of it in baking were not fully understood. "The consumption of high grade wheat in flour," he stated, "is very much more elastic than that of bread. Wheat such as Canada can supply can replace not only other types of wheat, but rye, corn and potatoes."

For Other Than Bread Uses

A large part of the world's population had not the bread eating habit, and tens of millions of bushels of wheat were consumed by them as macaroni and similar pastes, in dough balls and dumplings, and in various forms which lent themselves to cooking in an open pot instead of an oven. In the Orient, in Africa, such was the case, and in these countries and in Brazil, where consumption of wheat is low per capita but expanding, Canadian wheat, because of its gluten content, was excellently adapted for such uses.

Use of wheat as livestock feed could be expanded in countries where such use is not so well understood as in Canada, while even here the technique for feeding it was inadequately understood.

Several Millions of Endowment

A Wheat Institute, employing advertising to some extent, and other types of promotion, would carry out work of the kind indicated, together with intensive market research. "It could work more flexibly than a government department, in line with a principle recognized both with railroads and with radio; and it could work more efficiently than any organization concerned with actual sales. An endowment of several million dollars would enable it to put its work on a permanent basis," the brief declared, it being pointed out that the approximate cost of administering the Canada Grain Act is about two millions a year—a small total in proportion to the value of the wheat industry to Canada and "the costs that will have to be borne by the Dominion treasury if Canada fails

Publicity Director



DAN E. C. CAMPBELL, widely known newspaperman, former editor of Texaco News Flashes, who has been appointed publicity director for the Province. Hon. E. C. Manning, in announcing the appointment, stated that the new bureau would not function as a "propaganda bureau" but was intended to get into the hands of the public accurate and authentic information. The Minister announced appointment of Mackay and Savary Advertising Service as advertising agents to the Government.

Mrs. George K. MacShane of Bowden Passes

The death of Mrs. George K. MacShane, of "Parkwood", Bowden, is deeply regretted by a wide circle, including the membership of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, of which Mr. MacShane is president, and all workers in the farm movement. Although she had not been in robust health for some time, Mrs. MacShane's last illness was short. She died in Innisfail hospital early on January 6th, and was buried from St. Matthew's Church, Bowden, on Sunday, January 8th. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. E. Reeve and were attended by representatives of the directors and delegates of the Pool, and staffs of all Pool plants, and many others. Floral tributes included those from the family, C.A.D.P. Directors, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. W. Norman Smith, Alix Creamery staff, Bowden Creamery staff, Red Deer condensery staff, administration staff.

Mrs. MacShane is survived by her husband, with whom she came to Canada from England, one daughter, Mrs. C. G. Adams, and one grandson, two sisters, five brothers, and her father. Mr. and Mrs. MacShane took up the farm at Bowden in 1920.

General Manager

Appointment of C. E. Christensen, manager of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool, as general manager of both Northern and Southern Alberta Dairy Pools, has been made as a measure of co-operation as the result of consultation between the two boards. Chris. Toppenberg, manager of the S.A.D.P., continues in that position which he has occupied since 1937.

to maintain a satisfactory export of wheat."

Mr. Griffin concluded by pointing out that "there is no more reason for supposing to be permanent, conditions which now confront us, than for surprise because the conditions of ten years ago did not continue unchanged". Features in the present situation rightly caused concern, and the future would be largely determined by international developments outside our control. But we could at least find grounds for hoping that such developments might take a favorable turn, "and we can find plenty of room for Canadian action to make sure that we make the best of whatever conditions we have to face."

MARKED INCREASE N.A.D.P. BUSINESS

Dividends of \$80,000 Distributed by Northern Alberta Dairy Pool

Marked increase in business of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool during the past year, which has been the most successful financially in the history of the Pool, was reported by C. E. Christensen, general manager, in a recent interview with *The Western Farm Leader*.

Dividends totalling some \$80,000 were distributed a short time ago for the last financial year, stated Mr. Christensen. The Pool has a membership of more than 5,000 farmers, and owns and operates five plants—at Edmonton, Wetaskiwin, Thorsby, Sedgewick, Andrew, and an office at Vancouver; the Andrew plant being established last spring and the plant at Sedgewick being new last fall.

Last year the N.A.D.P. exported to Britain about 150,000 lbs. of butter, and is continuing its exports to that country.

The progress of co-operation, as the above figures show, had, said Mr. Christensen, been gratifying during the past year.

MARKETING BOARDS

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sible way the freest discussion on all public matters, and that the only restrictions applied should be to "prevent the use of improper language, libel and defamation of character," the Executive sent a resolution to the Prime Minister and others. This was occasioned by a statement of Mr. Mackenzie King implying the possibility of restricting the discussions of news commentators over the air.

The U.F.A. presentation to the Rowell Commission, by the President and Vice-president, was described by the Board as "a unique contribution." Considerable publicity had been secured for it, and in that lay its chief value.

Wheat Withholding Proposal

The proposal of the United Farmers of Canada, Saskatchewan Section, for a wheat withholding scheme, was not supported by the U.F.A. Executive, who replied that they believed the method to be undesirable.

At least one more Board of Review for Alberta, under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, has been urged by the U.F.A. Executive, and the Vice-President had conferred with the Alberta Board on several occasions.

Acting upon information that farmers were signing documents giving new security on old debts, Central Office had circularized Locals urging that

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Regulations have been established for the leasing of Provincial Lands, including those lands of a class designated "School Lands," for cultivation purposes.

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J. W. STAFFORD,
Director of Lands.
Edmonton,

December 30th, 1938.

such signatures should not be given without taking legal advice; the Board acknowledged the services of the Association solicitors—J. E. Brownlee, K.C., and W. E. Hall—in this connection.

Some difficulties had been encountered in the working out of the proposal to amalgamate the Alberta Wheat Pool and the United Grain Growers; President Gardiner and J. K. Sutherland continued to represent the U.F.A. at conferences working on this proposal.

Reference was made in the report to a letter sent by President Gardiner to Prime Minister Mackenzie King and the Hon. J. G. Gardiner, setting forth the unsatisfactory position of agriculture; to the wheat conference at Winnipeg, at which J. K. Sutherland was the U.F.A. representative; and to the co-operative branch of the Association and its steady expansion.

The Board paid tribute to "those of our workers who have passed into the Great Beyond during the year just closed," particularly Mr. Gus E. Roose, of Camrose. Reference was also made to the illness of J. E. Brown, Director for Camrose, during which Carl P. Colvin of Sedgewick had carried on organization work.

Legal Department

Answers to a number of questions submitted to this department will be published in our next issue.

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What with trying to run the promotion department of THE Secretarial School, get down to the U.F.A. Convention, and writing this column, we almost forgot you in this issue, but W. Norman Smith, editor of this great family Journal, had other ideas. So here we are again.

The Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, who is seated next to the prettiest woman in the convention, says: Don't boast about being a self-made man unless you are prepared to take the consequences. But GEE if we were sitting next to that gal we should be looking for the consequences.

WHY TEACHERS GET GREY

"A synonym is something that you put in pies."

And when you are in Calgary if you are in doubt do the friendliest thing! Come in and see this column, and the rest of our advertisers. It will pay you.

Yep, and in our last issue Phyllis Coleman and Dorothy Jordon pulled one on us. So here's our come back.

Phyllis and Dorothy: "Thinking of me, dearest."

Sydney May: "Was I laughing? I'm so sorry."

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

There's a destiny that makes us Brothers;

None walks his way alone:

All we send into lives of others Comes back into our own.

—Anon.

Oh, yes, and when we asked Katie Kithymoss why she was coming to a Secretarial School she replied: "To be went with, but I ain't yet."

—Thenx to J.K.S., Bassano.

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WELL, BILL, WE KNEW WE WERE HANDSOME

Dear Syd: It was a dandy idea putting your photo in the column. Now we can be always be sure of ONE laugh, anyway. Yours,

Billious Bill,
Stratheona.

P.S. It is no trouble to believe you when you say that you are a bachelor.

P.S.S. Would it be correct to state that this comes under the category of "circumstances under which you have no control?"

S.P.C.A. Why not try plastic surgery?

Thanks a heck of a lot, Billious Bill, we always were susceptible to flattery.

—S.M.

A Guy named Breeze has been charged for passing phony cheques in Cincinnati. Perhaps Breeze was only trying to raise the wind.

Ontario magistrate told a man charged with driving a car while drunk that he was acting like an idiot. And why not, when in rum do as rum does.

ALBERTA LIMERICKS



Here's Molly Pawlovski of Skiff,
Who vowed she'd make a good
wife,
It's plain to be seen
That she might have been
But for that little word "iff."

The bedroom of a former French queen has been turned into the prime minister's study. Well, that'll give him an excuse for being asleep on the job.

UNTIL NEXT YEAR, THEN ...

SPORT

The battle for honors in the National Hockey League is proving to be a grueling struggle. Boston so far has managed to keep on top while the Rangers and Americans are second and third respectively. Montreal Canadiens are still trailing the rest of the clubs. However, it's still anybody's victory.

We have just read that Tiny Thompson has been turning in some sparkling goal keeping in the Detroit nets, while Frank Brimsek, Tiny's successor in the Boston cage, is still being hailed as the 1939 hockey star. You figure it out!

The Lethbridge Maple Leafs are certainly making it clear to the teams in the Southern Alberta Hockey loop that they can play hockey. They are still very much out in front and to be able to maintain such a decided lead when there are six other teams in the League displaying some of the smartest puck-chasing Southern Alberta has seen for years, proves that they have a very beautiful club. Turner Valley is still second-high, and believe it or not, the Calgary Stampeders are no longer in the cellar! The Broncos finally came fighting through with three straight victories to hand over their lowly basement position to the Olds Elks. Whether they have just hit a streak of luck, or whether they're really going to go places now, it's hard to say, but we'll see.

We see that the "Welsh Wonder," Tommy Farr, lost another fight recently, to Clarence (Red) Burman, a protege of Jack Dempsey, who, tis said, is a coming threat to the heavyweight title. There have been so many of these "coming threats" who failed to "come" that we're inclined to say "oh, yeah!" Still, if Dempsey is boosting him.

Baseball lost a colorful figure when Colonel Jacob Ruppert, multi-millionaire owner of the Yankees, died recently in New York at the age of 71. Whether his club lost or won the Colonel always said or did something that stirred up a little excitement.

The death of Marcus Hyman, C.C.F.-Labor M.L.A., will not be followed by a by-election, it is expected, since Winnipeg is a ten-member constituency.

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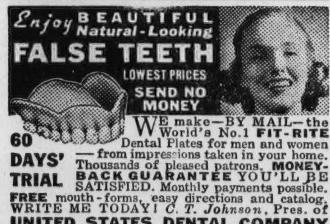
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PICTURES OF CURRENT NEWS INTEREST

As Parliament Opened



As Parliament opened at Ottawa, Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, resplendent in his colorful uniform, is seen taking the salute at the main entrance to the Parliament Buildings. The session is the fourth of Canada's Eighteenth Parliament.

Fair Words and Banqueting—but No Results



Prime Minister Chamberlain's visit to Rome with Foreign Minister Halifax was marked by a number of interesting social functions, but the conferences are reported to have been abortive—as Anthony Eden almost a year ago predicted negotiations with the many times forsaken dictator always would, until a policy of firmness were adopted.

But today, with recently reinforced Italian Fascist armies and Fascist and Nazi technicians aiding Franco in Spain more openly than ever, the situation for Britain, and for France, has become much more serious. Mussolini insists on a Franco victory in Spain. France and Britain still refuse to sell the

Spanish Government arms they are, under international law, entitled to buy for their own defence. Yet Franco's victory would probably convert the Mediterranean into an Italian-German lake, and would certainly bring about a further decline in French and British security.

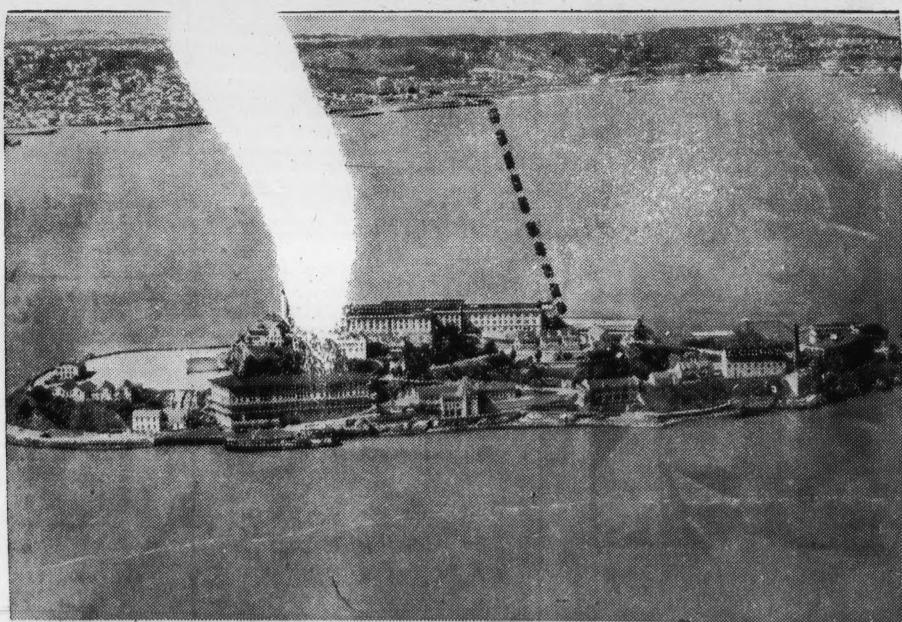
In the radioed picture above, Mussolini is seen on the left; Chamberlain is on the right, and Count Ciano, Fascist Foreign Secretary, in the centre, at the banquet tendered to Chamberlain and Halifax in Rome. Lord Halifax is said to have been displeased by, and to have protested against, violent language used by Ciano at one of the conferences.

Re-union in San Francisco



Convicted on a dynamiting charge 22 years ago on evidence which has been proved to have been perjured, Tom Mooney was freed early this month from the penitentiary where he has been serving a life term, when Governor Olson of California granted an unconditional pardon. Jurors who rendered the verdict of "guilty" have declared that there was a miscarriage of justice, and some of the greatest lawyers in the United States have assisted in compiling the evidence which proved that Mooney had not committed the crime. Labor and other forces in all parts of the world took up his cause; but because he had been active in the Labor movement, prejudice long blocked the way to freedom. In the picture he is seen, enjoying a laugh with his wife, Mrs. Rena Moody, and Harry Bridges, west coast C.I.O. director. He is sitting down to his first meal after his unconditional pardon.

Montrealer Among Five Foiled at Alcatraz



Attempting to escape from the grim water-bound Alcatraz Federal prison near San Francisco, January 13th, two convicts were shot and killed, or only wounded, the two others captured. Guards spotted unexplained manner. Warden James A. Johnston would not reveal whether the guards' volley of shots had killed or only wounded the two reported shot. Dotted line shows mile and a quarter route to shore which prison officials believe the men planned to swim.